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SUBJ: (U) PARCEL MAIL RESTRICTIONS - TURKEY

DOD (I&L) WILL FORMALLY ADVISE USPS OF THE GOT INTENTION TO RESTRICT
PARCEL MAILINGS FROM THE MPO SYSTEM EFFECTIVE 15 SEP 75 AS SOON AS
DOD (ISA) HAS APPROVED SUCH ACTION (APPROVAL EXPECTED O/A 21 AUG).
THIS NOTIFICATION (WHICH SHOULD APPEAR IN THE NEXT USPS BULLETIN)
WILL ADVISE THAT EFFECTIVE 1 SEP ONLY LETTER CLASS MAIL (MAXIMUM
SIZE 4-1/4" X 9-1/2") SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR DELIVERY TO TURKEY APO'
AND THAT OTHER ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN USPS PUB 42 ARE ACCEPTABLE UNDER
THE CONDITIONS AND RATES SPECIFIED (INTERNATIONAL MAIL) PROVIDED
SUCH ITEMS ARE ADDRESSED TO A CIVILIAN ADDRESS. WE ARE PREPARED TO
STOP THE FLOW OF PERSONAL PARCEL MAIL AT DOVER EFFECTIVE 10 SEP;

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RESIDUE MAIL RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL BE-HELD FOR A TEN DAY

PERIOD AT WHICH TIME ALL SUCH MAIL WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER. THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES FOR PARCEL MAIL DELIVERY ARE OUTLINED FOR YOUR INFORMATION/COMMENT AND DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS;

A. OFFICIAL NON-REGISTERED PARCELS:

(1) DOS HAS AGREED TO TRANSPORT ALL OFFICIAL PARCELS MEETING THEIR SIZE LIMITATIONS (40 LBS); NON-REGISTERED PARCELS WILL BE DISPATCHED AS DIPLOMATIC MAIL FROM WASH DC TO ANKARA AND REGISTERED ITEMS VIA DIPLOMATIC COURIER. DOS SERVICE FOR OFFICIAL ITEMS OVER 2 LBS WILL BE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS AND THE NORMAL VOLUMES OF OFFICIAL MAIL WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT MANPOWER IMPACT UPON DOS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR DOD TO IMPOSE A SIZE/WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON OFFICIAL PARCELS MOVED BY DOS. OFFICIAL PARCELS EXCEEDING DOS (OR DOD) SIZE RESTRICTIONS COULD BE ENTERED INTO THE DTS AS CARGO AT THE POINT OF ORIGIN FOR DELIVERY TO THE TMO AT END

DESTINATIONS. WHILE USE OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE SERVES ONLY ANKARA ONWARD TRANSPORTATION COULD BE PROVIDED VIA ARFCOS OR MOVED AS CARGO THROUGH THE DTS.

(2) ANOTHER OPTION, AND THE ONE WE FAVOR, IS THE USE OF THE DTS FROM DOVER TO END DESTINATION. UNDER THIS OPTION, USAFPCS WOULD ESTABLISH A SMALL PROCESSING FACILITY AT DOVER TO ACCEPT OFFICIAL PARCEL MAIL FROM USPS, REPACK AND LABEL AS CARGO AND TENDER TO MAC FOR ONWARD TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY THROUGH LOCAL TMO. EUROPE ORIGIN PARCELS COULD BE PROCESSED AND TENDERED TO THE LOCAL TMO BY THE DISPATCHING POSTAL ACTIVITY OR ENTERED INTO THE DTS BY THE MAILER. OFFICIAL MAIL ORIGINATED AT TURKEY LOCATIONS WOULD BE DISPATCHED BY THE DA TO THE TMO FOR MAC TRANSPORT TO DOVER AND ENTRY INTO THE DOMESTIC POSTAL SYSTEM.

(3) A FINAL OPTION IS USE OF INTERNATIONAL MAIL FOR ALL BUT OFFICIAL REGISTERS. PARCELS EXCEEDING INTERNATIONAL MAIL SIZE LIMITATIONS WOULD BE ENTERED INTO DTS AT POINT OF ORIGIN.

B. OFFICIAL REGISTERED MAIL: DOS WILL TRANSPORT OFFICIAL REGISTERS VIA DIPLOMATIC COURIER SERVICE TO ISTANBUL/ANKARA WITH TRANSPORTATION TO END DESTINATION PROVIDED BY ARFCOS (UNDER DIPLOMATIC SEAL) ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS. OUTBOUND REGISTERS COULD BE HANDLED THE SAME WAY BUT ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH LOCAL STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO TAG/SEAL AS DIPLOMATIC MATERIAL. A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE AGAIN IS THE USE OF DTS FACILITIES FOR ENTRY/TRANSPORTATION AS SIGNATURE SERVICE CARGO UTILIZING AF FORM 127.

C. PERSONAL PARCEL MAIL: USE OF INTERNATIONAL MAIL IS THE MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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OBVIOUS CHOICE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL ISSUES MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION. FOR EXAMPLE, (1) WILL GOT PERMIT BULK DELIVERY OF INTERNATIONAL PARCEL MAIL TO THE APO FOR DELIVERY TO PATRON OR WILL THEY INSIST ON INDIVIDUAL DELIVERY BY GOT POSTAL ADMINISTRATION; (2) WILL PATRONS BE REQUIRED TO POST OUTBOUND PARCELS AT A TURKISH POST OFFICE OR CAN LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR APO PERSONNEL TO COLLECT INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE AND THEN BULK DELIVER TO THE TURKISH POSTS; (3) TO AVOID PAYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE BY PATRONS

WOULD THE GOT BE RECEPTIVE TO ESTABLISHING AN IEO AT ADANA? THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO CONTINUE ALL PARCELS ON MAC TO INCIRLIK WHERE THE COULD BE ENTERED INTO THE TURKISH POSTAL SYSTEM FOR DELIVERY TO END DESTINATIONS. WE WOULD NATURALLY PREFER THIS ARRANGEMENT IF THE GOT WILL AGREE WITH BULK-BILLING THE USG FOR SERVICE PROVIDED. WHILE THESE POINTS COULD BE POSED DIRECTLY TO THE TURKISH POSTAL ADMINISTRATION BY THE USPS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH, WE FEEL THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE PREMATURE AND COULD JEOPARDIZE LOCAL NEGOTIATIONS BY DOS/JUSMAT. IN ADDITION, MOST OF THE OPTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE COULD BE INTERPRETED BY GOT AS DELIBERATE CIRCUMVENTION OF THE INTENT OF THEIR PARCEL RESTRICTION AND COULD CAUSE FURTHER RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF THE MILITARY POSTAL SYSTEM. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ASK THAT YOU DISCUSS THESE OPTIONS WITH THE ACTIVITIES CONCERNED AND PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, TO INCLUDE A FULLY COORDINATED RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GDS 81. UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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